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NICOSIA FOR DJEREJIAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE

SUBJECT: FSO VISIT TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

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- 1. EMBASSY STILL UNABLE REACH KHOURY OR DAHDAH BY PHONE. IT APPEARS ALL RPT ALL TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BEIRUT HAVE BEEN CUT, AND THERE ARE SOME SIGNS THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE DELIBERATELY.
- 2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO INFORM CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP BEFORE DJEREJIAN'S ARRIVAL. IF DEPT AGREES, AND ASSUMING TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION STILL IMPOSSIBLE ON MONDAY, AUG. 16, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE COULD ATTEMPT SEND LETTERS TO KHOURY AND DAHDAH

AUG 16 VIA COMMERCIAL CARRIERS THAT FREQUENTLY CROSS CONFRONTATION LINES. LETTERS WOULD BE DELIVERED TO FSL ON THAT SIDE, WHO WOULD THEN DELIVER TO KHOURY AND DAHDAH. ALTERNATIVELY, DEPT MIGHT WISH SEND MESSAGE VIA LEBANESE EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK OR PARIS. (LAST WE KNEW, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND JOUNIEH WERE POOR, BUT THEY MAY HAVE IMPROVED.) ASSUME IN ANY CASE THAT WE SHOULD NOT INFORM KARAME AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE ALERTED LEBANESE CHRISTIANS.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TRYING BY PHONE AND WILL INFORM ALL ADDRESSEES BY NIACT IMMEDIATE IF WE SUCCEED IN INFORMING KHOURY OR DAHDAH OF DJEREJIAN VISIT. HUNT

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